



Support Sewer System

- State of play today:
 - Provincetown's current sewer system is inadequate as it serves only half the residential properties. Town-wide sewer infrastructure is needed to protect the environment and allow for greater density, thereby addressing the housing challenge facing many in the town.
 - The sewer capacity is currently 1,100,000 gallons per day (gpd).
 - The town has been in a "state of limited capacity" on sewer since 2015, preventing additional residential and business connections (with some exceptions).
 - Only 18,423 additional gallons are available, and their use has been limited to Economic Development and Affordable & Community Housing projects.
 - USDA grants/loans will allow for modest sewer expansion and ease the constraints noted above. \$3.0 million was approved in 2019 and is being used to construct a Peak Flow Storage Tank (Phase 1). A second grant/loan was approved by USDA in 2020 that will permit additional plant improvements and work on the collection system (Phase 2).
 - Phase 1 should be operational by the fall of 2021 and will add 30,000 gpd to sewer capacity.
 - Phase 2 should be operational by December 2022 and will add 125,000 gpd to sewer capacity.
 - The Wastewater Enterprise Fund's FY22 Operating budget was reviewed/approved by the Select Board at their Monday, March 1, 2021, meeting and was later approved at Town Meeting on May 1, 2021. There was \$0 capital budget requested for FY22. Moreover, the 5-year capital improvement plan (from FY22-FY26) also showed \$0 requested/anticipated, demonstrating the lack of a coherent plan to allow sewer expansion for the full town to move forward.
- PPRTA recommends:
 - The development of a comprehensive plan (including cost and financing options) to complete the sewer infrastructure to every residence and business in the town no later than 2030.
 - The expansion of sewer infrastructure into North Truro to cover at least the areas surrounding or near the wells that provide Provincetown's water supply. Note: due to land constraints it is possible additional sewer processing facilities may need to be constructed in Truro to support Provincetown's and North Truro's expanded sewer infrastructure.
 - Apply to receive funds from the Cape Cod and Islands Protection Fund which receives the 2.75% excise tax levied on all traditional lodging and short-term rentals. \$4.8 million was awarded (over a 10-year period) to help fund existing sewer debt. Provincetown needs additional money to help fund the significant expenditures required to complete the sewer system for the entire town.